

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Bonnert, T. P.		
Serial No.:	09/445,614	Case No.:	T1481
Filed:	December 8, 1999		
For:	HUMAN VANILLOID RECEPTOR-LIKE RECEPTOR		
Art Unit:	1646		
Examiner:	Brannock, M.		

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2004, having a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on May 25, 2004.

In the event that there are any additional fees associated with this Amendment, they may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

In response to the Office Action of February 25, please amend the above-identified application as follows:.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

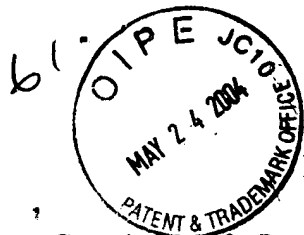
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total Claims	* <u>6</u>	-	** <u>20</u> =	<u>0</u> X	\$18	= <u>0.00</u>
Independent Claims	* <u>4</u>	-	*** <u>3</u> =	<u>1</u> X	\$86	= <u>86.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$290 ****	= <u>          </u>
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Respectfully,

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